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**REQUEST FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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Application Number	10/691,939
Filing Date	October 23, 2003
First Named Inventor	Scott J. Clifford et al.
Group/Art Unit	1734
Examiner Name	Yewebdar T. Tadesse
Attorney Docket No.	132815-0009 (formerly 16143)

This is a request for a Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114

- a. ☒ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
- i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- ii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☐ Enclosed
- i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required.)
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. Fees (The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.)

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 12-2136
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Other _____

- b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed
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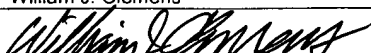
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FEE TRANSMITTAL For FY 2005		Complete if known				
Effective 01/01/2003. Patent fees are subject to annual revision.		Application Number	10/691,919			
		Filing Date	October 23, 2003			
		First Named Inventor	Scott J. Clifford et al.			
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27		Examiner Name	Yewebdar T. Tadesse			
		Group/Art Unit	1734			
TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$ 790)		Attorney Docket No.	132815-0009 (formerly 16143)			
METHOD OF PAYMENT (check one)		FEE CALCULATION (continued)				
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FEE CALCULATION						
1. Basic Filing, Search, and Examination Fees						
FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		
Small Entity		Small Entity		Small Entity		
Application Type	Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fees Paid (\$)
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0
2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES						
Fee Description						Small Entity
						Fee (\$)
Each claim over 20 or, for Reissues, each claim over 20 and more than in the original patent						50
Each independent claim over 3 or, for Reissues, each independent claim more than in the original patent						200
Multiple dependent claims						360
						180
Total Claims		Extra Claims		Fee (\$)		Fee Paid (\$)
- 20 or HP = _____		x _____		= _____		
HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20.						
Indep. Claims		Extra Claims		Fee (\$)		Fee Paid (\$)
- 3 or HP = _____		x _____		= _____		
HP = highest number of independent claims paid for, if greater than 3.						
3. APPLICATION SIZE FEE						
If the specification and drawings exceed 100 sheets of paper (excluding electronically filed sequence or computer listings under 37 CFR 1.52(c)), the application size fee due is \$250 (125 for small entity) for each additional 50 sheets or fraction thereof. See 35 U.S.C. 41(a)(1)(G) and 37 CFR 1.16(s).						
Total Sheets	Extra Sheets	Number of each additional 50 Or fraction thereof		Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)	
_____	_____	/50 = _____ (round up to a whole number)		x _____	= _____	
4. OTHER FEE(S)						
Non-English Specification, \$130 fee (no small entity discount)						790
Other (e.g., late filing surcharge): _____ Request for Continued Examination						
SUBMITTED BY						Complete (if applicable)
Typed or Printed Name William J. Clemens						Reg. No. 26,855
Signature 						Date December 1, 2005

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